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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION IAEA VIENNA, MARCH 27, FROM SECSTATE  
RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 070025

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, IAEA

SUBJECT: IAEA DG'S RESPONSE TO SWISS QUESTION RE INTERPRE-  
TATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

REF: IAEA VIENNA 2588

1. FYI. THE QUESTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF NUCLEAR EX-  
PLOSIVES PROSCRIBED BY IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS TO  
RESEARCH ON TOPICS SUCH AS "CONFINED MICRO-EXPLOSIONS" IS A  
VERY COMPLEX ONE. THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION MUST BE PRE-  
PARED VERY CAREFULLY AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELATED  
QUESTIONS SUCH AS NPT INTERPRETATION AND THE DEFINITION OF  
A NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST IN THE CONTEXT OF TEST BANS. FOR  
THESE REASONS WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE KIND OF MULTI-  
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NATIONAL DISCUSSION PROPOSED BY THE DG FOR APRIL 8 IN  
REFTEL SHOULD BE HELD AT THIS TIME.

2. THE UK EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED US URGING BILATERAL CON-  
SULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER AND DEFERRAL OF THE DG'S PRO-  
POSED APRIL 8 MEETING. WE AGREE WITH THE UK ON THE NEED  
FOR APPROPRIATE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UK AND  
POSSIBLY WITH OTHERS. THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE COM-  
PLETED BEFORE WE COULD MAKE A DECISION ON PARTICIPATING IN  
A MEETING AS PROPOSED BY THE DG. END FYI.

3. MISSION IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE DG AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT THE US CANNOT BE READY BY APRIL 8 TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED MEETING; THAT WE URGE THE DG  
TO POSTPONE THE MEETING TO AN UNSPECIFIED DATE; AND THAT  
WE URGE DG NOT TO RESCHEDULE MEETING WITHOUT CONSULTING  
MISSION. MISSION SHOULD EXPLAIN TO DG THAT THE US  
APPRECIATES HIS CONCERN AND EFFORT REGARDING THIS PROBLEM;  
THAT THE US TAKES THIS PROBLEM VERY SERIOUSLY AND IS  
STUDYING IT ON AN URGENT BASIS; AND THAT AS SOON AS WE  
HAVE COMPLETED OUR STUDY WE WILL CONSULT WITH HIM.

4. MISSION IS ALSO REQUESTED, AFTER INFORMING THE DG,  
TO INFORM THE IAEA MISSIONS OF THE UK AND USSR OF OUR  
REQUEST TO THE DG AND OF OUR REASONS AS GIVEN IN  
PARAGRAPH 3.

5. THE VIEWS OF THE MISSION ON THE LIKELY INDIAN POSI-  
TION ON THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE VALUABLE. INGERSOLL  
UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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